transport, road, communication), Common Facilities for fuel/gas supply system effluent treatment, solid waste disposal, product design, captive power generation, Infromation and Communication Technology Infrastructure (ICT) support, and any other physical infrastructure identified by the cluster association and approved by the Apex Committee.

The Central assistance will be restricted to 75% of the project cost subject to a ceiling of Rs. 50 crore. The remaining 25% will be financed by other stakeholders of the respective cluster/location with a minimum industry contribution of 15% of total project cost. Administrative expenses will be restricted to 3% of the central assistance in the project.

The scheme is to be implemented in the current financial year.

Export of fish and fishery products

502. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether exports of fish and fishery products are earning foreign exchange;

(b) if so, the details of the foreign exchange received during the last three years, year-wise, State-wise, category-wise and countries to which export is done;

(c) whether new taxes would be imposed by USA on the imported fish, as per quality of fish, fish processing unit and fish catching methods adopted by the exporting country, under the recent anfi-dumping Act passed in USA; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps taken to maintain high quality in exporting centers of country and protect fishery export industry from adverse impact of the above Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State-wise figures of marine products exports are not maintained. However, the major country-wise and major variety-wise export of marine products during the last three years, as per information available, are as follows:

(i) Major country-wise exports of marine products

Value : In Million US $

Country	2000-2001	2001-02	2002-03
USA	255.93	299.05	424.51
Japan	562.75	383.07	317.17
European Union	225.37	241.01	287.84
China	181.86	125.66	158.23
South East Asia	101.76	113.35	133.15
Middle East	41.39	38.10	42.40
Others	47.26	53.11	61.60
TOTAL	1416.32	1253.35,	1424.90

(ii) Major variety- wise exports of marine products

Value : In Million US $

Item	2000-2001	2001-02	2002-03
Frozen Shirmp	985.00	871.03	953.44
Frozen Fin Fish	192.25	150.04	174.63
Frozen Cuttle Fish	63.52	58.93	86.37
Frozen Squid	71.31	69.36	79.83
Dried Items	15.39	14.30	17.46
Live Items	8.77	8.54	11.12
Chilled Items	15.74	13.39	12.27
Others	64.34	67.76	89.78
TOTAL	1416.32	1253.35	1424.90

(c) and (d) Anti-dumping legislation has been is existence in existence in almost all countries, including the USA and India. Anti-dumping duties can be imposed by a country against imports based solely on the price aspect. No. duties can be imposed on the basis of quality of the material, method of catch, the types of processing etc.

It is reported that the Southern Shrimp Alliance (SSA) of USA may file an Anti-dumping action against selected shrimp exporting countries, including India, in the USA. However, once the petition is filed, there will be preliminary hearing on the issue. Depending upon the final verdict of the case, duties could be levied. The Seafood Exporters Association of India (SEAI) has hired a legal firm in the USA to defend Indian shrimp exporters.

For maintaining high quality in the exports of seafood, various steps have been taken by the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA). These include schemes for extending financial assistance to the seafood processing industry; steps to upgrade processing facilities to meet international standards of hygiene and quality; imparting training to aquaculture farmers to adopt sound management practices to prevent outbreak of diseases; assistance to produce value added products for exports etc. and upgradation of laboratories including the installation of state of art machines for detection of banned antibiotics and heavy metals.

Sub-standard cement

503. SHBI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cement manufacturing companies have been found manufacturing sub-standard cement and not adhere to the BIS specifications;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken against such companies;

(d) whether Government have made BIS norms mandatory for cement industry; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?